

# Bart Signs Baseball Contract

The Chicago White Sox have signed Bart Johnson of Torrance to a professional baseball contract.

Johnson, 18, is scheduled to report to Appleton, Wisconsin, to begin his career in the minor leagues. He was signed to a contract by scouts George Noga and Doc Bennett.

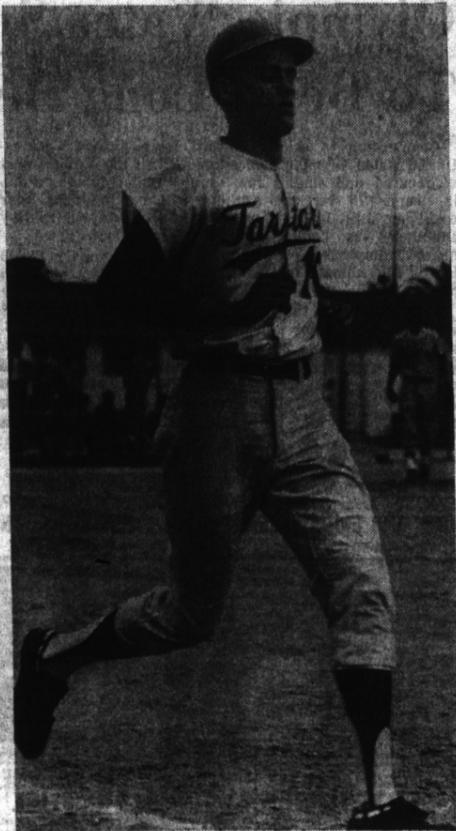
A 6-6 Torrance High graduate, Bart led the Tartars to three basketball championships and two baseball titles. He was All-CIF in both sports.

Johnson enrolled at Brigham Young University last fall, but dropped out of college early this year.

Bart is married and the father of a month-old baby.

Since the start of the baseball season Bart has been playing semi-pro ball with the Paramount Angels at Sawtelle Field.

When he reports to Appleton, a rookie league, this week, the team is scheduled to play an exhibition game against the White Sox at which time the youngster may get an opportunity to make his professional pitching debut against the parent organization.



SIGNS CONTRACT... Bart Johnson, former Torrance High athlete, has signed a professional baseball contract with the Chicago White Sox.

# Baseball Is Here To Stay

(This is the first in a series of articles about baseball in Torrance.)

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Fifteen years ago the only place in Torrance where you could play or watch a game of baseball was Torrance Park.

The ball diamond has always been the home of Torrance High School, a multitude of softball and six-pitch leagues, semi-pro baseball teams, and in recent years has been used by the Connie Mack, Stan Musial and American Legion teams.

Makeshift ball parks now exist at West High, North High, and South High and a new ball diamond is under construction at Torrance High.

Besides Torrance Park, the Recreation and Parks Department has developed lighted

ball diamonds at McMaster Park, El Nido Park, and Walteria Park.

The city "sanctions" 10 softball leagues that involve 64 teams or an aggregate of 1,000 adults. The bulk of players come from industrial plants, business establishments, churches, military units, fire and police departments, school personnel, and service clubs. Torrance is the softball hub for the entire South Bay. Everybody from the "Redondo Angels" to "Fort MacArthur" plays one game a week in Torrance.

Some are also involved in leagues outside of Torrance so that they can play more than one night a week.

ANOTHER 4,000 youngsters from Torrance make up the 250 Little League teams and 80 Pony League, Babe

Ruth League and Senior Division teams in the city.

It was just 15 years ago when the first Little League was organized in Torrance and the number has swelled to nine groups.

The fact is that interest in Little League Baseball, teenage baseball, and high school baseball is gaining momentum, it is evident that baseball is here to stay.

The Recreation and Parks Department is aware that ball parks are vital for its own softball and baseball recreation programs, for picnicking, and for the organized volunteer baseball programs.

The recreation department is currently making a study of the problem of providing ball diamonds for more than 300 Little League and graduate teams engaged in 600 games and 1,000 practice sessions from February to July.

The survival of the leagues has been predicated on the limited leases negotiated for private and public property on a year-to-year basis.

Some of the leases expected to be terminated at the conclusion of this summer include the sites of Southwood Little League, North Torrance West, Felker Field used by Torrance National Little League, the airport property used by Pacific Coast Little League and West Torrance Pony League and the one-year quarters for Torrance Central Little League.

North Torrance Babe Ruth League had to go outside of Torrance to Alondra Park to make it this year. North Torrance Pony League and North Torrance East Little League are going through their first summer of ball on the valuable industrial land near

190th St. and Van Ness. Progress at Garrett Corporation forced them to move to their new home.

A swarm of leagues in central Torrance and south Torrance are headed for another industrial site owned by the Southern California Edison Company near 235th St.

A Senior Division Field has already been erected there by Torrance American Little League. A master plan of the site to serve four or five leagues has been coordinated by the Recreation and Parks Department.

It's a step in the right direction, but one of the most important studies that can be made in the best interest of the community is to determine the practicability of making more public land available for baseball when nothing else is available.



FELKER FIELD... The Little League ballpark on Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance is expected to be removed at the end of the baseball season to make room for industrial progress. A study is under way to determine the future use of land in Torrance for thousands of baseball players who lack permanent facilities. (Press-Herald Photo)

## SPORTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1968

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### Basketball Drills To Begin Monday

Four groups of outstanding graduated high school basketball aces begin training Monday morning for the first annual Southern California All-Star Prep Basketball Classic to be played Wednesday, July 10, at the Forum in Inglewood.

Forty-eight squad members, plus a dozen alternates, comprise the Los Angeles City, C.I.F., Southern Section, 3-A, 2-A, and 1-A teams. They will report at 10 a.m. in the Forum for physical examinations, issuance of equipment, photographs, etc.

The long-awaited confrontation of the Southland's top prep basketball performers is a doubleheader, the featured attraction pitting the L.A. City all-stars against the C.I.F. Southern Section 3-A all-stars. The companion game matches the C.I.F. Southern Section 2-A standouts against their 1-A counterparts.

Proceeds of the games, co-sponsored by the Manhattan Beach Lions Club and Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association, will go to the Lions' program of providing aid to blind children and assisting in sight conservation.

Game co-chairmen Tom Schott of the Lions Club and Ken Brown, varsity basketball coach at Aviation High in Redondo Beach representing the S.C.I.B.C.A., have announced that all arrangements for training and equipping the four teams are virtually complete.

The L.A. City team, coached by Jim Ryan of Crenshaw High (see of Manual Arts), will conduct its drills at East Los Angeles College and California State College, Los Angeles.

Ryan, whose Manual Arts team won the city championship last season after finishing in the runner-up spot the year before, will be assisted

by Lew Silverman of Taft High and Willie West of Crenshaw.

The C.I.F. 3-A hoopers, coached by Bill Armstrong of Compton High's undefeated (32-0) A-A division champions, will work out at Compton College initially, then switch to California State College, Fullerton.

Armstrong, whose coaching record stamps him as the "winningest" in Southern California—with an unprecedented four C.I.F.-S.S. titles, will be aided by Jim Newman, his assistant at Compton; Lyle Newcomer, coach at the Allan Blankenship, coach at Antelope Valley College.

The 2-A all-stars, directed by Dave Benedaret, who steered Bishop Montgomery (Torrance) to the 2-A division crown and is now moving up to the assistant's post at Loyola University, will train at Hawthorne High and Loyola U.

Benedaret will be assisted by Noel Smith, coach of Hawthorne High.

Under the supervision of Chuck Clustka, highly successful coach at Harvard School (North Hollywood), the 1-A team will be practicing at several locations—Valley Christian High (Artesia), Moorpark Junior College, Los Angeles Valley College, and Harvard.

Assisting Clustka will be Harold DeBie of Valley Christian and Dave McCullough of Santa Ynez.

Each team is required to hold a minimum of 12 days of pre-game practice.

### Riviera Little League

MAJOR LEAGUE				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Tigers	5	1	.833	
Indians	3	3	.500	
Angels	3	3	.500	
Yankees	3	3	.500	
White Sox	3	3	.500	
Orioles	5	5	.500	

MINOR LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Orioles 6, White Sox 3	1	1.000	
Yankees 15, Yankees 0	1	1.000	
Orioles 5, Orioles 2	3	.600	
Angels 8, Athletics 7	3	.500	1/2
Tigers 14, Indians 4	3	.500	1/2
White Sox 8, Yankees 6	4	.400	3/4
Angels 7, Red Sox 2	4	.333	2 1/4
Red Sox 3, Indians 1	9	.100	3 1/4

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Tigers	9	0	1.000	
Orioles	8	1	.889	
Angels	6	4	.600	3/4
Red Sox	5	4	.556	1 1/4
White Sox	4	4	.500	2 1/4
Orioles	3	3	.500	3 1/4
Yankees	3	3	.500	3 1/4

THURSDAY SLO-PITCH AT EL NIDO				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Whiz Kids	5	0	1.000	
Daily Breeze	1	1	.500	
T.E.P.A. Tigers	2	2	.500	
Indians	2	2	.500	
Four St. Church	1	1	.500	
Pencil Pushers	0	5	.000	

THURSDAY SLO-PITCH AT WALTERIA PARK				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
So. Tor. Lions	4	1	.800	
Helmetas	4	1	.800	
S.L. Men's Club	3	2	.600	
Balmers	3	2	.600	
Torrance Kiwanis	3	2	.600	
Redondo Angels	3	2	.600	
Schedule: Holmes vs. Torrance Kiwanis 7 p.m.; So. Torrance Lions vs. Redondo Angels, 8 p.m.; Balmers vs. S.L. Men's Club, 9 p.m.				

FRIDAY SLO-PITCH AT WALTERIA PARK				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Benedict Aradale	3	0	1.000	
Burko Bandits	3	0	1.000	
C.E.R.A. Bandits	3	0	1.000	
Indians	2	1	.667	
R. Hills Covenant	2	1	.667	
Good Shepherd	1	1	.500	
Schedule: Rolling Hills Covenant vs. Benedict Aradale, 7 p.m.; C.E.R.A. vs. Good Shepherd, 8 p.m.; Burko Bandits vs. Indians, 8 p.m.				

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY CHURCH SOFTBALL AT McMASTER PARK				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
SB Church of God	4	0	1.000	
Lanwade Church	4	0	1.000	
No. Red. Chapel	1	1	.500	
Four St. Church	1	1	.500	
Calvary Assn.	1	1	.500	
Pacific View	0	4	.000	
Four St. Church	0	4	.000	
Schedule: Friday: Pac. View Bapt. vs. Calvary Assn., Torr. Ist. Luth. vs. 4 St. Church, Saturday: N. Red. Chapel vs. Lanwade Church; S. Bay Church (Bapt.) vs. Pacific View.				

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE AT TORRANCE PARK				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cont. Devic	6	0	1.000	
Harp	4	2	.667	
Firesteel	4	2	.667	
Harbor	4	2	.667	
Magnavox	3	3	.500	
Aerospace	3	3	.500	
Harbor Hornets	2	2	.500	
Tri-Dir Ind.	0	6	.000	
Schedule: Tuesday: Happa vs. Firesteel; Aerospace vs. Magnavox, Thursday: TRW Semi-Cond. vs. Cont. Devic; Harbor Hornets vs. Tri-Dir Ind.				

TUESDAY SLO-PITCH AT McMASTER PARK				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Firefighters #2	3	1	.750	
Gold Key	3	1	.750	
H. R. Sportsmen	2	2	.500	
Trains and Coach	2	2	.500	
Sopwith Camels	1	1	.500	
Successors	1	1	.500	
Schedule: Gold Key vs. Firefighters #2, 7 p.m.; Sopwith Camels vs. Successors 8 p.m.; H. R. Sportsmen vs. Trains & Coach, 8 p.m.				

### Giant Series Can Be Seen On Television

A triple package of baseball is set for Southern California sports viewers on Channel 11 next week.

From Candlestick Park in San Francisco, the Giants will be hosts to the Los Angeles Dodgers Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with Vin Scully and Jerry Doggett calling the play-by-play.

Producer-director Bob Hiestand's telecasting assignment calls for Dodger Dugout with Bill Welsh; Dodger Warmup with Doggett interviewing players and Scully giving topical points about the forthcoming game; the game proper; and Dodger Scoreboard.

Action gets under way at 7:15 p.m. June 25, and 12:10 p.m. June 26 and 27.

### Best Athletes Announced by Conference

By vote of the conference coaches, the following athletes have been named "Players of the Year" in their respective Metropolitan Conference spring sports: Swimming—Don Taylor (L.B.) and Glenn Barker (S.M.). Golf—Steve Cook (L.B.). Track—Monty Turner (East L.A.). Tennis—Maurice Poirier (East L.A.). Gymnastics—Dan Ferre (S.M.). Baseball—Darryl Thomas (L.B.). Wrestling—Ron Kenworthy (Cerritos). Basketball—Sidney Wicks (S.M.).

### Wins Races

From the pole position, Dan Gurney, driving his Eagle No. 48, equipped with Harvey aluminum and titanium, sped to victory to capture the Telogram Trophy at Mosport, Ontario, Canada.

### Recreation Standings

THURSDAY NIGHT SIX FT. AND UNDER BASKETBALL LEAGUE				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Tech-Ecol Prod.	2	0	1.000	
Sox	2	0	1.000	
S. B. Ringers	2	0	1.000	
Sweet Rive	2	0	1.000	
Fun House	4	0	1.000	

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### RAMS SIGN FOUR FROM ONE SCHOOL

Three members of last year's University of Washington football team and one from the school's basketball team have signed professional contracts with the Los Angeles Rams, the club announced today.

Those signing contracts include kicker Don Martin, linebacker Dean Halverson, defensive back Frank Smith and flanker David Carr. Carr, a forward on the Husky basketball team, did not play college football.

Martin and Halverson were both drafted by the Rams last January. Martin on the fifth round and Halverson on the 13th. Smith and Carr are both free agents.

### Facilities At Harbor To Be Used

A summer-long recreation program began Saturday at Los Angeles Harbor College.

The softball fields, tennis courts, football field, track, gymnasium and body building room will be open for use. The gym will feature volleyball, basketball and badminton. Archery will also be offered.

The program will go on seven days a week with the facilities open from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

Harbor coaches Gordy Wells and Verne Kelsey will supervise the activities. "We attract many adults as well as the high